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CMS, one of the leading international law firms in Russia, is pleased to announce that Vladislav Sourkov has been appointed as the new Head of Real Estate group in CMS Moscow office as of 1 January 2010.

Vladislav will lead the top Real Estate practice in Russia, as acknowledged by the leading international legal directories Chambers and Legal 500.

Steven Shone, who has successfully led the CMS Real Estate group in Russia for more than 6 years, is relocating to China at the end of the year to support the development of CMS in China.

Vladislav Sourkov has twelve years' experience in the real estate market in Russia and the CIS, and in 2007-2009 was included in the CRE 100 rating of the most influential people in the commercial real estate market.

"I am deeply honoured by the opportunity to head one of the best professional teams in the market. We are all having difficult times these days, but I strongly believe in our real estate market and am confident that we all have an exciting future here," commented Vladislav Sourkov.

"We are delighted to welcome Vladislav in his new position as Head of the CMS Real Estate practice in Russia and we are fortunate in being able to have a star like Vladislav to replace Steven", says John Hammond, Chairman of CMS in Russia.

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2. About CMS

- CMS in Russia comprises over 110 lawyers, including 25 partners. CMS has over 17 years of experience in the Russian market, advising major international and domestic players on all legal aspects of their business. For more information please visit www.cmslegal.ru
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